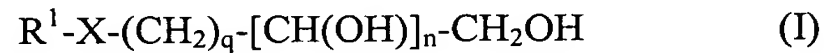


ether the **alkyl groups** are from **14 carbons to 18 carbons** inclusive in chain length.

McCune at column 1, lines 43-46.

However, McCune fails to suggest the independent Claim 1 limitation of a "polishing liquid composition ... comprising a compound ... represented by the formula (I):



wherein **R¹** is a hydrocarbon group having **1 to 12 carbon atoms**; ...". The number of carbon atoms of the hydrocarbon group is preferably 1 or more, from the standpoint of suppressing dishing, and the number of carbon atoms is preferably 12 or less, from the view point of solubility of the compound in water. Specification at page 7, line 19 to page 8, line 4.

Kaufmann is not cited against independent Claim 1 and fails to remedy the deficiencies of McCune.

Because the cited prior art fails to suggest all the limitations of independent Claim 1, the prior art rejections should be withdrawn.

Pursuant to MPEP § 821.04, after independent product Claim 1 is allowed, Applicants respectfully request rejoinder, examination and allowance of withdrawn method Claims 9, 14, 17-18 and 28, which include all of the limitations of product Claim 1.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is necessary in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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